

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **VICE CHAIRMAN JOHN ROSS** on January 19,
2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Christopher Harris, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Dee L. Brown (R)
Rep. Paul Clark (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jim Peterson, Chairman (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 206, 1/14/2005
Executive Action: HB 78, HB 185

HEARING ON HB 206

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:22 **REP. ART NOONAN (D), HD 73**, opened the hearing on
HB 206, Revise controlled groundwater areas.
EXHIBIT(nah14a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:22 Jack Stults, Administrator, Department of Natural
Resources and Conservation

EXHIBIT(nah14a02)

EXHIBIT(nah14a03)

00:18:28 Dana Hupp, Fidelity Exploration & Production
Company

00:19:10 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

00:19:56 **CHAIRMAN PETERSON** arrived at meeting.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:11 Kathy Gallagher, Hydrogeologist, Summerfield
Professional Services, Inc., Bozeman

EXHIBIT(nah14a04)

EXHIBIT(nah14a05)

EXHIBIT(nah14a06)

00:28:35 Michele Reinhart, Northern Plains Resource Council

00:30:26 Steve Kelly, Montana EcoSystems Defense Council,
Bozeman

00:37:09 Delight Gollaher, Family and Ranching Interest

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:12 **REP. JOPEK**

00:47:02 **REP. DICKENSON**

00:50:23 **REP. FUREY**

00:52:43 **REP. BROWN**

00:55:46 **REP. GUTSCHE**

00:58:43 **REP. MAEDJE**

01:06:00 **REP. HARRIS**

01:09:49 **REP. EVERETT**

01:12:09 **REP. CLARK**

01:18:44 **REP. FUREY**

01:20:13 **REP. BARRETT**

Closing by Sponsor:

01:23:14 **REP. ART NOONAN (D), HD 73**, closed hearing on HB
206.

01:26:46 break
01:36:02 resume

01:36:02 Following committee break, **CHAIRMAN PETERSON** assumed chairmanship position.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 78

01:36:58 **Motion:** REP. GUTSCHE moved that HB 78 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:
01:38:01 REP. HARRIS

01:38:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
EXHIBIT(nah14a07)

01:39:14 **Motion:** REP. HARRIS moved that HB 78 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:
01:39:25 REP. BARRETT
01:40:29 REP. MAEDJE
01:41:08 Edward A. Thamke, Montana Department of Environmental Quality

01:42:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 185

01:43:14 **Motion:** REP. HARRIS moved that HB 185 DO PASS.

01:43:56 **Motion:** REP. MAEDJE moved that HB 185 BE AMENDED.

EXHIBIT(nah14a08)

Discussion:
01:44:14 REP. HARRIS
01:44:31 REP. MAEDJE

01:45:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:45:26 **Motion:** REP. HARRIS moved that HB 185 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:45:37 REP. GUTSCHE
01:46:50 REP. FUREY
01:47:33 REP. HARRIS
01:47:56 CHAIRMAN PETERSON
01:48:11 REP. BARRETT
01:48:30 REP. FUREY
01:48:50 REP. DICKENSON

01:49:52 Vote: Motion carried 15-1 by voice vote with REP.
BARRETT voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

01:50:28

Adjournment: 4:50 P.M.

REP. JIM PETERSON, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

JP/DP

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nah14aad0.PDF](#))